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ROME. QUOTE. FAO FOOD INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM,
SAHEL FOOD AND CROP SITUATION 1977 - REPORT NO. 3.

QUOTE. FIS 135 SAHEL AND CROP SITUATION 1977 REPORT NO. 3
COVERS RAINFALL SEASON UNTIL 20 AUGUST. REPORT NO. 4 WILL BE
ISSUED IN THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. RAINFALL ZONES REFERRED
TO IN REPORT:

ZONE A. LESS THAN 250 MM ANNUAL RAINFALL, ZONE B 250-500,
ZONE C 500-700, ZONE D FROM 700-900, ZONE E FROM 900 TO 1,100,
ZONE F OVER 1,100. FOR RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF EACH OF THESE ZONES
IN TOTAL CEREALS PRODUCTION BY COUNTRY PLEASE SEE SPECIAL FEATURE
QUOTE MANITORING THE RAINY SEASON IN THE SAHEL UNQUOTE IN OUR
FOOD OUTLOOK QUARTERLY NUMBER THREE 1977 OF 23 AUGUST.
QUOTE SUMMARY. IN WESTERN AND NORTHERN SAHEL REGION, COVERING
MOST OF SENEGAL, MAURITANIA, THE GAMBIA, CAPE VERDE AND PARTS
OF MALI AND UPPER VOLTA, CROPS UNDER STRESS BECAUSE OF
CONTINUATION OF BELOW-NORMAL RAINFALL WHICH HAD INITIALLY DELAYED
PLANTINGS AND IS NOW AFFECTING CROP GROWTH. IN OTHER REGIONS
AND COUNTRIES MOISTURE CONDITIONS IMPROVED DURING FIRST
THREE WEEKS AUGUST FOLLOWING ADEQUATE RAINFALL, AND OVERALL
CROP PROSPECTS SO FAR FAVORABLE.
QUOTE. CHAD. FOOD AID EVACUATION RATE FROM DOUALA AND TRANSPORT
TO CHAD MAINTAINED AT APPROXIMATELY 100 TONS PER DAY. TO DATE
APPROXIMATELY 14,400 TONS ARRIVED AT DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AND
18,00 TONS WERE ENROUTE OR AVAILABLE FROM DOUALA, SOUTHERN
CHAD OR SUDAN. 4,700 TONS SOY FORTIFIED GRITS ETA DOUALA OCTOBER,
1,100 TONS RICE ETA NOVEMBER. FOR ADDITIONAL 4,000 TONS WHEAT
ETA NOT KNOWN. RAINFALL ZONES A, B AND C: RAINS SATISFACTORY.
BUT CROP DEVELOPMENT AFFECTED BY LATE PLANTING. ZONES D, E
AND F: RAINS ABUNDANT. CROP PROSPECTS GENERALLY FAVORABLE.
QUOTE. THE GAMBIA: FAO/WFP AND EEC EMERGENCY FOOD AND ALLOCATIONS
TOTTALLING 4,400 TON CEREALS AND USA DONATION 1,000 TONS RICE EXPECTED
TO COVER FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS UNTIL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER HARVEST.
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ZONES E AND F (COVERING ENTIRE COUNTRY): RAINS LESS THAN NORMAL
AND POORLY DISTRIBUTED, HAMPERING CROP DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY, MOST PARTICULARLY IN THE WEST. PEST INFESTATION
REPORTED ON MILLET/SORGHUM CROPS. CONTROL MEASURES UNDERWAY
BY REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICES. GOVERNMENT
DECLARED COUNTRY DROUGHT STRICKEN ON ELEVEN AUGUST.
QUOTE. MALI: GOVERNMENT BUFFER STOCKS AND FOOD SECURITY
RESERVES DEPLETED. COMPARED TO OFFICIAL PRICE MARKET PRICES VERY
HIGH. FOOD SHORTAGES EXIST IN SIXTH REGION. SHORTAGES
NOT EXPECTED IN OTHER AREAS DURING REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.
ZONE A: (PASTURE AREA) RAINS 50 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL. ZONE B:
RAINS 20 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL. CROP CONDITIONS GOOD ALTHOUGH
CROP DELAYED TEN DAYS. ZONE C AND D: RAINS ADEQUATE FOR CROP
DEVELOPMENT IN THE EAST BUT INSUFFICIENT IN THE WEST. ZONES E AND
F: RAINS SUFFICIENT FOR NORMAL CROP DEVELOPMENT. OVERALL CROP
PROSPECTS SATISFACTORY.

QUOTE. MAURITANIA: IN MID AUGUST APPROXIMATELY 5,000 TONS FOOD
AID STOCKS WERE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION. 2,070 TONS DRIED
SKIM MILK NEWLY PLEDGED BY CANADA. ZONES A AND B: NO OR VERY
LIGHT RAINFALL INHIBITED PASTURE AND CROP DEVELOPMENT. ZONE C:
SMALL AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL DURING MID AUGUST TO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE

TO NORMAL CROP DEVELOPMENT. OVERALL CROP CONDITIONS EXTREMELY CRITICAL.

QUOTE. NIGER: STAPLE FOOD SUPPLIES ADEQUATE UNTIL NEXT HARVEST. ZONE A: (PASTURE) RAIN SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL. ZONE B: RAINS SUFFICIENT IN THE EAST. IN PARTS OF WEST RAINS AND WATER RESERVES INSUFFICIENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT. ZONE C: SITUATION SATISFACTORY EXCEPT FOR ZINDER AND TILLABERY REGIONS WHERE WATER RESERVES NON EXISTENT. ZONE D: CROP DEVELOPMENT GOOD. CROP PROSPECTS GENERALLY GOOD.

QUOTE. SENEGAL: WFP EMERGENCY GOOD AID OF 6,000 TONS CEREALS ARRIVED 20 AUGUST. NO FOOD SHORTAGES REPORTED SO FAR. ZONE B: DRY CONDITIONS PREVAILED. ZONE C AND D: HEAVY RAINS DURING 10-20 AUGUST IMPROVED SOIL MOISTURE RESERVES BUT WERE INSUFFICIENT
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TO ALLEVIATE EARLIER EFFECTS OF DROUGHT. ZONES E AND F: RAINS BELOW NORMAL BUT SUFFICIENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT. DESPITE SOME RECOVERY OF RAINS OVERALL CROP PROSPECTS REMAIN VERY POOR.

QUOTE. UPPER VOLTA: AGAINST PLEDGES OF 24,944 TONS FOOD AID, 5,722 TONS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE COUNTRY AS OF 20 AUGUST AND 5,000 TONS WERE ENROUTE. ZONES B AND C: LATE AND BELOW NORMAL RAINS HAVE COMPROMISED HARVEST. ZONES D, E AND F: SUFFICIENT RAINFALL IN FIRST THREE WEEKS OF AUGUST BENEFITTED CROPS WHICH HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY MID-JULY DROUGHT. CROP CONDITIONS IMPROVED IN PARTS OF UPPER VOLTA BUT THE DELAY OF ABOUT A MONTH STILL POSES HIGH RISK OF CROP FAILURE.

QUOTE. CAPE VERDE: NO FOOD SHORTAGE REPORTED SO FAR. HARVEST PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN AS RAINS DURING SEASON HAVE BEEN UNSATISFACTORY.
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